

## THE NATIONAL PRAYER

*The grand scene of birth of  
independent India,  
In that midnight, the flag of  
the  
ruler of two countries  
lowered;  
The tricolor Indian flag flaps  
in  
the Red Fort in the midst of  
National Anthem.*

*The first vision of  
independent  
India was dawned.*

*They rejoice everywhere,  
Happiness all around,  
There was a tender cry;  
Where  
is the father of the nation?  
The white-clothed soul  
walking  
in the midst of sorrows and  
pain,  
Injected by hatred and ego,  
the  
result of communal violence.*

*The father of the nation,  
Mahatma, walking  
barefooted  
In the streets of Bengal for  
peace and harmony.  
With the strength of blessed  
soul of Mahatma  
I pray the Almighty; When  
will  
be the dawn of second vision?*

*Create thoughts in the minds  
of  
my people,  
And transform those thoughts  
into action.  
Embed the thought of Nation  
being bigger than  
The individual, in the minds  
of  
leaders and people.*

*Help all the leaders of my  
country to give strength  
And bless the nation with  
peace and prosperity.  
Give strength to all my  
religious leaders to bring  
'Unity of Minds' among all  
our  
billion people.*

*Oh Almighty, bless all my  
people to work and transform  
Our country from a  
developing  
into a developed nation.  
Let this second vision be born  
Out of sweat of my people,  
And bless our youth to live in  
Developed India.*

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